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SUBJECT: USG REPRESENTATION AT THE CANTON TRADE FAIR

REF: (A) STATE 73320; (B) STATE 68516

1. IF PRC APPROVES VISAS (REF A), PERITO IS PREPARED TO COVER THE FIRST HALF OF THE FAIR, AND ALLEN THE SECOND HALF.

2. FYI, AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO JUST ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY TO THE FAIR HAS TOLD US ABOUT RUMORS IN THE U.S. CONCERNING USG REPRESENTATION AT THE FAIR. THE FIRST RUMOR HAD IT THAT NEITHER USLO NOR THE CONGEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FAIR. ACCOCDING TO THE BUSINESSMAN, THE SECOND RUMOR CORRECTED THE FIRST AND SAID USLO WOULD BE THERE, BUT THAT THE CHINESE HAD NOT APPROVED VISAS FOR REPS FROM AMCONGEN HONG KONG.

3. IN NEXT FEW DAYS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WILL ASK IF CONGEN OFFICERS ARE GOING TO CANTON FAIR. WE WILL REPLY SIMPLY THAT WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD ABOUT OUR VISAS AND WILL NOT SPECULATE ON LIKELIHOOD OF RECEIVING PRC VISAS.

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